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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING HUSSEIN -- ISRAELI ARMS SUPPLY

1. WHEN I MET KING HUSSEIN OCTOBER 12, HE ASKED ME BRIEFLY ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING ALLON MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING NEW US MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR ISRAEL.

2. I TOLD THE KING I HAD ONLY RADIO REPORTS OF WHAT THE NEW YORK TIMES HAD SAID AND OF SOME OF THE WHITE HOUSE'S SPOKESMEN'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT. FROM WHAT I HAD HEARD, WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION WITH WHATEVER WASHINGTON WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ME, IT SEEMED TO ME ISRAEL WAS NOT BEING GIVEN PERSHING MISSILES AND THAT EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED RESEMBLED SOME OF WHAT WE HAD DECIDED ALSO TO PROVIDE TO JORDAN -- COBRA WITH TOW, AND M-60'S. REPORTS ALSO MENTIONED SOME LASER GUIDED WEAPONS. I CAUTIONED HIM THAT ALL OF THIS WAS UNCONFIRMED AND WAS AVAILABLE TO HIM IN THE PRESS AS IT WAS TO ME.

3. COMMENT: KING REALIZES FULL WELL THAT WE HAVE A POLICY OF NOT TALKING TO OTHERS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OR ANOTHER OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDS. WHILE THIS HAS NOT ALWAYS OPERATED IN THE CASE OF ARMY SUPPLY TO JORDAN, HE WOULD IN THE LAST ANALYSIS ACCEPT THAT KIND OF EXPLANATION. HOWEVER, I RECOMMEND WE PROVIDE HIM WITH AT LEAST WHATEVER GENERAL INFORMATION IS

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PUBLIC OVER TIME ON THE RECENT DECISIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
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